

ALMA

The Biggest Little City in Michigan

By A Staff Correspondent

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J. C. POSTER'S CIGAR STORE
 Manufacturers of High Grade Cigars.
 Union Factory.

It was thought a few decades ago that no cigar could be genuine unless it had the mark of Cuban importation. But soon the secrets of the dusky Cuban came into the hands of our own skilled workmen, and today we can manufacture a cigar far superior to those of direct importation from the island. Most prominent among those manufacturing high grade cigars at home is J. C. Poster who conducts a wholesale cigar and tobacco business. The product coming there from is conceded by all who love the fragrant weed to have no superior on the market and it finds ready sale where ever introduced.

LUCINI BROTHERS
 Popular Fruit, Confectionery and Ice Cream Parlors.

Many of the young people and the older people too, find in this new and popular resort so ably conducted by the Lucini Brothers an ideal place for fresh fruits, choice confections, seasonable drinks, and all kinds of delicious carbonated beverages, ice cream sodas of all flavors, superior and delightful candies, Lowmyer's famous chocolates and bon bons in fancy boxes and in bulk. The service is excellent, not only in regard to the quality of everything, but in the pleasant courtesy of the painstaking proprietors.

ROBINSON'S
 Big Cloak, Suit, Dry Goods, Rug and Carpet House of Alma, Mich.

The big mercantile establishment of Alma, that draws the trade from Gratiot and surrounding counties is that known as Robinson's Cloak, Suit, Dry Goods, Rug and Carpet House of Alma, Mich. This mammoth store has a frontage of over 75 feet and is the largest and most complete store in this section of northern Michigan. Nothing has been omitted that would promote the comfort and convenience of patrons or facilitate the handling of the large and extended trade that this store enjoys. In this big emporium of retail store every inch is being occupied. The dry goods department is filled to repletion with an elegant line of both staple and fancy goods, spring dress fabrics in all the latest shades, weaves, and patterns, new spring styles for ladies wear, including the famous Wooltex coats, suits, and skirts, embroideries, ribbons, silks, satins, laces, and ladies wearables in general all in excellent assortment and great variety for the coming spring trade. In the systematically arranged rug and carpet department is carried an elegant array of tapestry, velvet and Brussels rugs, carpets, linoleums, window shades, curtains, and rich draperies, etc., that will delight the eye of the housekeeper at prices that are bound to attract the buyer.

PROUDS
 Up-to-Date Department Store of Alma.

In all the wide range of mercantile pursuits carried on in Alma and vicinity the up-to-date department store of Alma enjoys a large portion of the trade. Mr. W. S. Proud successor to C. L. Delavan, is fully conversant with every detail of the general store trade. His stock comprises an elegant array of spring goods including an excellent line of dry and fancy goods, hosiery, novelties and notions, white and wash goods, gingham, percales, calicoes, print goods, shirt waists, ladies and childrens dresses, aprons, linens, underwear of all weights and sizes and ladies and childrens wearables in general. Also the famous Warners Rust Proof Corsets and the celebrated Butterick Ladies Fashion Patterns. Gorge fine furnishings, shirts, fancy hosiery, and neckwear, men and boys fine and heavy footwear, rubbers and rubber goods at prices that are right.

BRUNNER'S
 The Nyal Quality Drug Store

The Record takes pardonable pride in calling the public attention to the "Nyal Quality Drug Store," so ably presided over by Mr. W. Alex Brunner. This attractive and well arranged pharmacy, is stocked to repletion with an excellent line of pure drugs, chemicals, herb extract, essences, tinctures, etc. Also perfumes, elegant toilet and fancy articles, souvenir post cards, stationery and school supplies, books, the best magazines, leading daily papers and the latest current literature of the day. Also the famous Nyal family remedies. Wall paper of the latest and most beautiful spring designs. Cigars, tobacco and smokers' articles all in excellent assortment and great variety. A specialty is made of the prescription case.

BUTTON & HAMILTON
 Popular Tonsorial Artists of Alma, State Street.

In our general business review of Alma and vicinity we take pardonable pride in calling the public attention to the neat, attractive and thoroughly sanitary barber shop and bath room so ably presided over by Messrs. Button and Hamilton. Both gentlemen are considered to be artists with both the shears and razors, and they make a specialty of fashionable hair cutting, shampooing, easy shaving and facial massaging. The shop is well equipped and amply provided with the latest and most modern reclining and revolving hydraulic chairs. Keen razors, clean towels and china toilet accessories, and modern up-to-date bath rooms are run in connection.

KEAN BROTHERS

Palace Blacksmith Shop, West Superior Street.

The Palace Blacksmith and shoeing shop of the above named firm is so ably managed by M. George Kean, is one of the best equipped and up-to-date concerns of the kind in Alma. They are well prepared to do all kinds of general blacksmithing, woodwork, wagon and repair work. A specialty is made of practical horse shoeing as Mr. Kean has made a thorough study of the delicate anatomy of the horse foot, and perfect satisfaction is guaranteed.

SMITH & FAILING

The Quality Shoe Store

The people of Alma and vicinity are fortunate in having in their midst such a large number of high class business houses and men who conduct them. Messrs. Smith and Failing stand prominently in the front rank of trade, and they are capable of supplying every necessity and luxury in the shoe line. They are deserving of worthy mention herein through the excellent goods carried and the courteous attention paid to the wants of their patrons. The stock comprises an excellent line of fashionable foot-wear with style and snap, for men, women, misses and children, including the famous Reed shoes. Also rubbers and rubber goods and shoe furnishings in general.

M. L. PERRIGO

The Studebaker Garage and Sales Room—East Superior St.

It is no longer necessary for the people of Alma and vicinity to go away to purchase an automobile and to serve the facilities of a modern garage. Recognizing the local demand Mr. Perrigo has a modern garage which is a credit to Alma in every way and the service is as good as can be found in any of the larger cities. The local agency for the celebrated Ford Motor Car and Studebaker has been vested with this gentleman. You have no doubt read of the Wonderful Studebaker in the leading periodicals, magazines and newspapers as being unquestioned leaders in their respective classes. Many enthusiastic owners have pronounced this wonderful auto as a "World Beater" and it stands up under the roughest usage. Its appearance meets the desire of the most particular. General auto repair work, auto accessories and supplies, and a first class auto livery is run in connection.

W. H. SNELL

The Up-to-Date Pocket Billiard Hall and Cigar Store of Alma.

The most up-to-date, quiet and orderly pocket billiard hall and smoke house of Alma, is that so ably presided over by Mr. W. H. Snell, located on East Superior Street. This well equipped hall is amply provided with the latest and most improved tables and all the necessary paraphernalia for the accommodations of those who delight in the twirling of the cue. The cigar stand is well stocked with an excellent line of both domestic cigars, tobaccos, and smokers' articles.

THE ALMA GARAGE COMPANY
 Wm. A. Borton, Prop. East Superior Street.

We herewith desire to call the public attention to the largest and best equipped Garage in Alma that of the Alma Garage Company, conducted by W. A. Borton. This gentleman employs only skilled and experienced assistants. They carry a full line of auto accessories and supplies, best tires, rims, tubes, oils, greases, and gasoline. They are prepared to do all kinds of auto repair work in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. Mr. Borton has the agency for the wonderful Chevrolet auto car, which has no superior on the market and the price will be found right.

A. C. WYANT'S GARAGE

Automobiles and Accessories—East Superior Street.

We desire to call the public attention to the large and commodious and well equipped garage presided over by Mr. A. C. Wyant, who is an expert autoist. This gentleman has the sales agency for the famous Reo and the celebrated Saxon cars, both of which are conceded to stand peerless in the automobile world. For style, durability and endurance of engine a right price will be found on these strictly up-to-date auto cars. A full line of auto supplies and sundries are also carried and prices will always be found just and reasonable. A standard oil and filtering gasoline filling station is run in connection where wholesale prices are quoted.

SANDERHOFF & GLASS

The Big Hardware Store of Alma.

One of the largest and most progressive concerns in general hardware is undoubtedly that of Messrs. Sanderhoff and Glass, who enjoy a trade of large and extended proportions. This spacious establishment is systematically arranged, and the large and well selected stock comprises the best grades of both shelf and heavy hardware, mechanics, carpenters, and builders tools. The exclusive agency for the famous Keen Cutter cutlery and edge tools. Tin and enameled ware, the famous Florence and Renown stoves and ranges and heaters, auto oils and best gasoline. Paints, stain and varnishes, guns and ammunition, churns, power washers, pumps, pipes and extras. Both gentlemen are fully up to the times.

ANDERSON & HAUCK

The Cash Store of Alma—Groceries, Furnishing Goods and Notions. Restaurant in Connection.

In this up-to-date and well kept grocery and notion store with a model and sanitary restaurant in connection, will be found everything for the home in the way of choice, pure and unadulterated staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, teas, coffees, furnishings, notions, flour, meal, sugar, molasses, fresh vegetables in their season, garden and orchard productions and country produce. They also handle butter and eggs. A strictly neat and sanitary restaurant in connection, which is open both night and day and is indeed a great accommodation. By selling for spot cash they are thus enabled to save the heavy losses derived from the old credit system, the benefit of which they give to their large corps of patrons, which enables them to meet the most heavy competition and their prices will be found right.

MRS. ANNA WOODLAND

The Fashionable Milliner, Has Returned from Eastern Fashion Centers.

In our special spring review The Record takes pardonable pride in calling the public attention to the fashionable Millinery parlors of Alma, so ably presided over by Mrs. Anna Woodland who has recently returned from the leading New York Fashion Center accompanied by Miss Gardner an experienced trimmer and designer of Cleveland, both of whom are artists in the millinery art, and everything turned out in this shop will be found chic and up-to-date. The stock selected for the spring trade comprises the finest line of rich millinery goods. Also plumes, feathers, tips, flowers, edgings, ribbons, and her prices will be found right.



MAIN BUILDING—ALMA COLLEGE

C. R. BREWER

Sanitary Meat Market. Bell Phone 44 Union Phone 40.

In any city a strictly first-class and thoroughly sanitary market that is well stocked has plenty of customers. This sanitary meat market is neat, tidy and always ready for the pure food inspector. It is well understood that if a customer wants a juicy steak, chops, fat roast, veal or a good boiling roast he will find it at this market. Home made bologna, sausage, and home rendered lard, hams, bacon, fish and oysters are kept in their season and all telephone orders are promptly attended to. He also buys the choicest butcher stock on foot, hides, pelts, veal calves, poultry, etc., for which he pays the highest market price.

L. MITCHELL

Popular Auto Livery, Taxicab Service. Ford Garage. W. Superior Street.

We take pardonable pride in calling the public attention to the decidedly popular auto livery and excellent taxicab service afforded the public by Mr. L. Mitchell, at the Ford Garage. Mr. Mitchell is widely and favorably known as the most efficient and up-to-date auto liveryman of Alma and vicinity. A specialty is made of the traveling public by whom he is well patronized and he employs only polite and careful drivers. An excellent day and night service is rendered to all parts of the city. Mr. Mitchell is up to the times and for the best of service his prices will be found right and all speak in the highest terms of praise of his service.

SMITH'S LEADING SANITARY BAKERY OF ALMA
 West Superior Street.

The thoroughly sanitary bakery above named stands prominently without a peer in Gratiot county and is justly deserving of a special mention in our special review number of this season. "Cleanliness" is the motto, and everything is kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition. The baking department to the rear is amply provided with the latest and most improved ovens and all the latest and most modern appliances known to the baker's art. They turn out the finest bread stuffs daily, including: "Smith's Famous 6 and 10c Honey Bread," and "Good Taste," which is sold to all the leading grocers, throughout Alma and the county. These superior products are conceded to have no superior on the market and they find a ready sale wherever introduced. They also turn out plain, fancy, decorated and wedding cakes to order. Lady Fingers, Charlotte Russe, buns, jellies, and rich pastries of the most delicious flavors. A specialty is also made of supplying banquets, church fairs, festivals, parties, etc. in the most prompt and satisfactory manner.

CUSHING & BENEDICT

Bargain and Racket Store. "Where You Do the Best."

In our annual spring edition of The Record it gives this pardonable pride to be thus enabled to make a few remarks of praise in behalf of the thoroughly and up-to-date Bargain Store of Alma, "Where You Do the Best," so ably presided over by the live and progressive firm above named. The whole establishment is given over to the handling of their large and extended trade. The stock is very diversified, consisting of an elegant array of spring dry goods, hosiery, novelties and notions, white and wash goods, underwear of all weights and sizes, ladies and gents furnishings, ladies and childrens dresses, embroideries, ribbons, laces, gloves, the famous "Madam Grace" corsets and ladies wearables in general. Also queensware, glassware, china and decorative ware, tin and enameled ware, table and pocket cutlery, and counter goods. Also the famous Robert Johnson & Rand Ladies and childrens shoes and the Endicott Johnson for men and boys and the Ball Ban Rubber Goods.

SWISHER'S CLEANING SHOP

Suits to Order.

The above named gentleman is an expert in his special line of trade. His shop is well equipped for cleaning and repairing and all kinds of ladies and men's garments in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. Mr. Swisher also represents the leading Chicago Merchant Tailors and the latest spring and summer suitings are arriving and all patterns are \$18.00. Measures taken by this gentleman are guaranteed to fit in a most satisfactory manner and his patrons all speak in the highest terms of praise of their treatment.

WELCH'S BAZAAR

The New Bargain Store East Superior Street.

Welch's Bazaar is justly entitled to a leading and permanent place in the Review of Alma's trade interests and facilities. Through it the people for many miles around are offered buying facilities unsurpassed in the district. In this large and diversified stock there is no room for inferior goods of any kind or description. The great variety of goods will meet all requirements, fine china and decorated ware, dishes, table and pocket cutlery, tin and enameled ware, toilet articles, souvenir spoons, and post cards, gents' and ladies' furnishings, hosiery, gloves, mens' work clothes, mittens, 5 and 10c counter goods and racket goods in general. Taken all round, prices will always be found fair and reasonable and new customers are always welcome. Mr. D. M. Welch the proprietor is not only a successful business man, but also one of Alma's new and respected citizens and always a well wisher for a greater Alma.

ARCADA LIVERY STABLE

Home of the Fine Stallion "Jagany" Union 133, Bell 145.

When you want an up to date horse and buggy or a fine double rig it will be to your advantage to hire one you can be proud of. Mr. Geo. A. Brown of the Arcada Livery Stable is well supplied in any thing in this line. He has a splendid auto service. He also does a large feed and hitch business. This gentleman also has a fine Dark Steel Gray Stallion "Jagany" which will make its stand at the Arcada Barn during the season. This wonderful horse has turned out many promising colts throughout this section of the state. Special terms will be given on application.

GEO. J. MAIER & CO.

The Quality Shop of Alma Clothiers, Hatters and Furnishers.

The Quality Shop of Alma, ably presided over by J. G. Maier & Co., stand pre-eminently in the front rank of the clothing trade. The attractive and well arranged establishment is filled to repletion with an excellent line of men's and boy's fashionable Ready-to-Wear clothing including the famous "Hart Schaffner & Marx" clothes in all the latest Spring shades.



Hart Schaffner & Marx

weaves and patterns, fancy hosiery and neckwear, the famous Arrow collars, plain and fancy shirts, underwear of all weights and sizes, gloves, the famous "Hilo" and "Stetson" hats, and gents' fine furnishings and haberdashery goods in general, all in excellent assortment and great variety. Also the celebrated "Rialton" and "Florsheim" shoes for men and the King George Cushion shoes, trunks, traveling bags, etc. They represent the "Universal Tailor Co." of Chicago and all orders taken by them are guaranteed to fit in a most perfect manner.

J. E. PAGE

The Diamond Edge a Quality Pledge Hardware Store of Alma.

We take pride in stating that the substantial business built up by this gentleman, has been the reward of honest and obliging efforts to please every patron, as well as carrying the best stock of every kind and brand of goods in his line. Including the famous "Diamond Edge" tools and cutlery, mechanics', carpenters' and builders' tools, the famous "Garland" line of ranges, furnaces and heaters, the celebrated Gurneal, hand, electric and gasoline power washing machines and enameled ware, as a well equipped tin and plumbing shop is run in connection. Here is the headquarters for Mursevey's paints, Pratts & Lambert varnishes, oils, greases and best gasoline. Also guns, ammunition and fishing tackle, and in fact nearly anything and everything known to the important hardware line. His prices are as low as the very lowest, and the goods as good as can be bought, while nothing is ever permitted to leave the store falsely represented.

CHARLES AINSLEY

Popular Bowling Alleys

In the selection of a place to spend an evening in an absolutely healthful and harmless amusement one would naturally look for a place where they would come in contact with the best element of young and old men. A modern and very well conducted bowling alley is ably conducted by Mr. Chas. Ainsley on West Superior street where you can pass a pleasant evening and receive courteous treatment from the painstaking proprietor, who is widely and favorably known.

Bowling has been recommended by most physicians as being the healthful game for tuberculosis, appendicitis and many other ailments. The popular bowling alley conducted by Mr. Ainsley is no exception and all speak in the highest terms of praise of these alleys.

L. N. BAKER

Popular General Merchant of Alma.

The attractive and systematically arranged store, conducted by Mr. L. N. Baker, has gained an enviable reputation among his competitors for his honorable and straight forward business methods. This store is located on West Superior street. The stock comprises a well selected line of spring dry and fancy goods, gingham, percales, calicoes, print, white and wash goods, shirt waists, ladies' and gents' furnishings, etc. Also choice staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, best teas and coffees, garden and orchard products and country produce, all in excellent assortment and great variety for anything in these lines. He is prepared to meet any competition.

HUNTER & BROWN

Practical Plumbers and Steam Fitters.

Messrs. Hunter and Brown are expert artists in their line of business. They carry a complete line of plumbers' supplies, bath room requisites and also do steam fitting, the famous "Jewel" and "Laurel," Round Oak and "Rudy" furnaces. Hunter & Brown are prepared to do all kinds sanitary plumbing, steam, hot water and hot air heating, lining, guttering, roofing, galvanizing cornice and sheet metal work and general repairing, ventilating and sanitary engineering in the promptest and most satisfactory manner. These gentlemen are members of the National Warm tion and they are fully up to the times.

DAVID McCARTY

Old Reliable Shoe Maker—South State Street.

The old reliable and practical shoemaker of Alma is that of Mr. David McCarty, whose shop is centrally located on South State street. Mr. McCarty is an expert "cobler" of long standing in Alma and he has become widely and favorably known for his excellent work. A special feature is made of half soles and healing, patching and all work is turned out in a prompt and satisfactory manner. His prices are reasonable.

R. S. SWARTHOUT

East End Grocery of Alma—Phone 179.

The popular East End Grocery Store is ably presided over by Mr. R. S. Swarthout who enjoys a well and successful business. The East End Grocery is kept in a thoroughly sanitary condition and the above named gentleman carries a fresh and absolutely pure line of both staple and fancy groceries, canned goods, fruits, fresh vegetables, garden and orchard production and country produce, cigars, tobacco, etc. Mr. Swarthout also pays the highest prices for butter and eggs, cream direct from the farmer and he manufactures his own butter especially for his customers. Everything is guaranteed to be absolutely pure.

J. C. SCHICK'S

Big Feed Barn, East Superior St.

The big feed barn of Alma is ably presided over by Mr. J. C. Schick. This gentleman has ample stall room for a large number of horses and he does a tin-in and feed business and all speak in the highest terms of praise of their treatment. His prices for the best of service will be found right. Mr. Schick makes a special feature of horse clipping and his work will be found satisfactory.

DR. MAYNARD PRINGLE

The Reliable Dental Parlors of Alma—Opera House Block.

The reliable and eminently successful dentist of Alma is Dr. Maynard Pringle, who is widely and favorably known throughout this district, for the excellence of his work. Dr. Pringle is prepared to do all kinds of bridge and crown work, surgical dentistry, extracting and filling teeth, and manufacturing full sets to order, and does the best and most scientific work. His prices will be found right.

F. R. McNABB, D. V. S.

Office with Wright House Livery.

Dr. F. R. McNabb is the well and favorably known veterinary surgeon and horse dentist of Alma. This gentleman attends to the ills of all sorts of animals, including equine, canine and feline diseases. Dr. McNabb may be justly termed a humanitarian for his successful treatment of animals, which is always rendered with much delicacy, care and thoroughness as if he was attending upon a human patient. The doctor stands at the head of his learned profession and he is prepared to attend promptly to horse dentistry, castrations, ring bones, spavin and all animal diseases. He has performed a great number of difficult operations and saved the lives of many animals, including horses, cows, dogs, cats, etc. The doctor makes calls anywhere, night or day and he is always prompt in responding to all cases. Both phones.

DOLLAR SPECIAL

Saturday, Mar. 18

1lb good fresh roasted coffee\$.30
1/4 best Japan Tea25
1lb Kingsford Gloss Starch10
1 cake Peroxide Soap10
1 package of Quaker Oats10
1 can Peas10
3lbs best Granulated Sugar05

\$1.00

The Blend that is roasted in Alma. Coffee lovers, try a Pound, at

E. Crampton
 FREE DELIVERY
 Both Phones 294



Have You a Victrola in your home?

If not be sure to come in and look over our stock.

Our stock of Records is the largest between Saginaw and Grand Rapids.

Victrola Store
 East Superior St.